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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF POLYPROPYLENE PLANT TO PRC

1. DR. EDGAR E. WREGE, DIRECTOR OF LICENSING DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA, HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT HE AND TWO OTHERS WILL BE VISITING PEKING TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE NATIONAL TECHNICAL IMPORT CORP. (CNTIC) ON POSSIBLE SALE TO PRC OF 35,000 TON/YEAR POLYPROPYLENE PLANT. PROJECT IS A JOINT VENTURE, WITH STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA PROVIDING TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRODUCTION PROCESS AND AN ITALIAN CONSTRUCTION FIRM SUPERVISING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PLANT. WREGE INDICATED THAT CNTIC REQUESTED TEAM RETURN "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" FOR LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS; HE UNDERSTANDS PROPOSALS FROM OTHER FIRMS ARE BEING CONSIDERED. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, WREGE MAY ALSO DISCUSS WITH CNTIC A SIMILAR PROPOSAL FOR AN 85,000 TON/

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YEAR PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED NEAR PEKING IN JOINT VENTURE

WITH A JAPANESE FIRM.

2. C. BUDD HOSKINS AND JACK R. KNOX, BOTH OF AMOCO CHEMICALS (A SUBSIDIARY OF STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA), WILL ACCOMPANY WREGE. PARTY PRESENTLY PLANNING TO ARRIVE HONG KONG THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, CROSS BORDER SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, AND ARRIVE PEKING SUNDAY, AUGUST 19. WREGE PLANS TO CONTACT USLO SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL. ROGERS

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